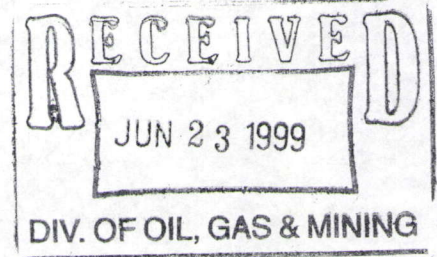


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June 21, 1999

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

In your certified letter to this office and dated June 18, 1999, you make reference to a letter received by this office on Jan. 24, 1998 wherein you requested information dealing with the exact locations of intended material removal and other final acreage estimates incident to the Grouse Creek L M O. I have personally reviewed this Notice in it's final and approved form, a like copy of which you should have received from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, and have found it to contain all necessary and pertinent information for it's ultimate approval. The 8.5 acres of disturbance do indeed reflect the access roads that the Division deemed "mining related". These virtually all occur on Public Land. There are no other disturbances to the surface of the area incident to our material removal processes.

We cannot understand your request for pinpoint locations of intended material removal from area slides. If this request in any way is inference that removal of talus amidst the "slides" constitutes a disturbance to the surface we must strongly disagree. By definition, a disturbance occurs when the activities of the mining process cause the removal of preexisting surface soils, and plants, as well as any profound changes to pre-existing topography. Our method for the select extraction of individual pieces of stone from the slides can in no sensible way be construed as surface disturbance. If your request for these pinpoint locations is for some reason other than that just identified, please let me know, and I will do my best to satisfy this requirement, otherwise, I am of the sound opinion that the LMO as last submitted is complete in addressing all points as contained in the standard suggested format. Perhaps you might review it for yourself.

Sincerely

William L Bown

Enclosure

Cc: D. Wayne Hedberg
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining